

A DISPUTED MAGISTERIAL RULING.

STRONG PROTEST BY THE CROWN SOLICITOR.

The case in which Lam Fuk Chiu is charged with obtaining the sum of \$24,000 from Mr. John Hastings by false pretences was again called in Mr. Wood's Court at the Magistracy yesterday, when Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (of Messrs. Denoon, Looker and Deacon) appeared to apply for the discharge of the defendant. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, represented the Crown.

Mr. Bowley informed the Court that there appeared to be a certain amount of misunderstanding in the case, and he believed that Sergeant Grant brought the man before the Court on the previous morning. The speaker should have been communicated with before the man appeared before his Worship, and then he would have attended. But he was not communicated with, and knew nothing about the case until late on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Shenton noted under a mistaken view of the position in communicating with Messrs. Hastings and Hastings.

His Worship—I asked him to.

Mr. Bowley—Your Worship did not understand the position. The fault lay in the police not communicating with me.

His Worship—You are representing Mr. Hastings in this prosecution?

Mr. Bowley—No, I am representing the King.

His Worship—I will put your name in place of Mr. Hastings on the record.

Mr. Bowley—The King is prosecutor, and I appear as his attorney. The fact that Mr. John Hastings' name is on the record is due to the accidental fact that Mr. John Hastings in the first instance swore the information on which the warrant was issued. Having laid the information and brought the matter before the Court, he has nothing further to do with the proceedings if those proceedings are adopted by the Crown, as they have been in this case. As your Worship knows very well, a warrant may be issued on the information of any person. This is an indictable offence, and a very serious offence, with which the defendant is charged, and the informant is not the prosecutor.

His Worship—Mr. Hastings is the informant?

Mr. Bowley—Yes.

His Worship—The question I want to get at is, who is the prosecutor?

Mr. Bowley—The King, your Worship, and I represent him. The Crown can intervene in any prosecution being conducted by a private person and adopt it. I submit that these proceedings are perfectly regular. The man is before your Worship, and I ask you to remand him to gaol for a reasonable time, subject to any application being made for bail.

His Worship asked if Mr. Davidson (who was present) was representing Mr. Hastings.

Mr. Bowley said Mr. Davidson was one of the most important witnesses in the case. The question arose out of a forged mortgage, and a large number of persons were implicated. As it happened, the forged mortgage was put through by Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, and Mr. Davidson was the solicitor who attended to the completion of it. He submitted that Mr. John Hastings was not entitled to be represented in the matter now, as he (the Crown Solicitor) had taken it over. Mr. Hastings was only entitled to engage any qualified person to watch the proceedings on his behalf, and Mr. Davidson, he took it, was present for that purpose.

His Worship—I understand Mr. Hastings is not represented here?

Mr. Bowley—No.

Mr. Shenton—This was a private prosecution by Mr. John Hastings.

Mr. Bowley—I don't admit anything of the sort. This prosecution was instituted by the police under the directions of the Government. Mr. Shenton drew his Worship's attention to Ordinance No. 3 of 1890, section 14, subsection 2, and contended that the complainant or informant must appear. Unless he did, his Worship must dismiss the charge. It was perfectly open to Mr. Bowley to lay an information on behalf of the Crown, but certainly the informant or complainant must appear.

His Worship—Mr. Hastings is not before me now.

Mr. Shenton—Not now.

His Worship—Therefore, Mr. Hastings' absence does not affect the matter.

Mr. Shenton—But the record must be altered. His Worship—The question is, what alteration am I to make? Mr. Bowley suggested that the alteration should be the King, represented by the Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Bowley—I don't suggest anything of the sort. The section my friend read does not refer to indictable proceedings at all. It must be read in a reasonable way, and it would be utterly unreasonable for your Worship to read this provision about the complainant not appearing in cases where the Crown prosecutes. I think the correct way of reading it is that the Crown is complainant, but if your Worship will strike out the name of Mr. Hastings I do not mind whose name you insert. I appear as attorney for the King, not as complainant or informant.

His Worship—The point is whether it is regular for the King to appear.

Mr. Shenton—The King never does, deems himself to prosecute his own subjects.

Mr. Bowley—He is always represented by his attorney. I submit these objections are moonshine and perfectly frivolous, and in order to save time you can enter anyone you like as complainant.

His Worship—I will enter your name as complainant.

Mr. Bowley—As your Worship pleases.

His Worship—I will amend the record by substituting Mr. Bowley's name.

Mr. Bowley—The Crown Solicitor, if your Worship pleases.

His Worship—Your personal name.

Mr. Bowley—No, your Worship. I appear as Crown Solicitor, not as Mr. Bowley. The information should be in the same way as it is given at the Supreme Court. The Court is informed by the Attorney-General on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, and should not contain a personal name.

His Worship—That is always done at the Police Court.

Mr. Bowley—In the course of my experience at the Police Court, which extends over a considerable period, I have never seen the name of the Crown Solicitor appearing.

His Worship—Whoever prosecutes, prosecutes in a personal capacity.

Mr. Bowley—I prosecute in my official capacity.

His Worship—The difficulty is that the King is not appeared by anybody.

Mr. Bowley—He is appeared by himself, if your Worship pleases.

Mr. Shenton—The section says that the informant or complainant must appear before the Court.

His Worship—Section 14 (2) clearly gives me power to put this man back in jail.

Mr. Shenton—Only temporarily.

His Worship—I am not clear on the point whether the prosecutor must appear or not.

Mr. Bowley—I ask your Worship to remand the prisoner, and in due course to take the evidence I tender on behalf of the King. I demand that as a right, and I submit that the Crown is entitled to a little consideration in these matters.

His Worship—I will hear the application to-morrow. What time will suit you, Mr. Bowley?

Mr. Bowley—No time to-morrow. I am engaged all day.

His Worship—I will remand this application until 11.30 to-morrow morning.

Mr. Bowley—What application?

His Worship—To consider the discharge of the man on the ground that the King is not appearing or represented in his own name, or that the prosecutor is not appearing.

Mr. Bowley—I might inform your Worship that I protest against these proceedings absolutely and entirely, and shall take what steps I may be advised by the Attorney-General to alter the proceedings and to apply for a mandamus to order this Court to conduct the proceedings in accordance with the law.

Mr. Shenton—I would ask if your Worship will consider bail?

His Worship—Not at this stage.

The hearing was adjourned until this morning.

RESIGNATION OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL ENGINEER.

The minutes of the Shanghai Municipal Council include the following reference to the resignation of Mr. C. Mayne, the Municipal Engineer and Surveyor. The resignation of Mr. C. Mayne is submitted, with effect from November 27. Mr. Mayne's recent special leave for six months was granted in the hope that his private affairs would admit of his resuming work in December; such, however, has not been found practicable, and no course remains to the Council but to accept his resignation.

This employee's appointment dates from May, 1889, and the Chairman makes reference to his twenty years' satisfactory work as the head of an important branch of the Municipal Service. He has carried out his duties during this period with singleness of purpose and preserved a record for the Department of continuous integrity.

It is decided to offer Mr. Mayne the appointment of Consulting Engineer to the Council at a salary of £150 a year renewable annually. He will be required in periodical reports to advise the Council on all matters connected with the municipal engineering, and to undertake the collection of particulars as to any subject upon which the Council may desire information.

Mr. Mayne is entitled to draw the sum accumulated in his name in the Superannuation Fund, but, since the Fund has only been in operation since 1903, it is decided to insert provision in the Budget for 1910 for a special honorarium of £2,000.

Upon the unanimous recommendation of the Works Committee, it is decided to appoint Mr. C. H. Gifford, at present Deputy Engineer, to the post of Municipal Engineer.

THE GERMAN HIGH SEA FLEET.

PRINCE HENRY'S FAREWELL MESSAGE.

A general order to the High Sea Fleet issued by Prince Henry of Prussia is on relinquishing the command of the fleet in September was published on the 2nd ult. It is in the following terms:

"Fearlessness, calm, and purposeful work with the hour of trial alone in view, reticence, strict discipline, coupled with a kindly feeling on the part of superiors towards subordinates, true comradeship—these qualities must continue in the future in ever-increasing measure to distinguish the officers and men of the High Sea Fleet. With this wish I lay down my command today, by the Emperor's order—a command of which I was proud and to resign which now causes me inexpressible regret, and on which I look back with a heart filled with gratitude towards all who have served me."

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday in the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR

FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD,

K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

Hon. Sir F. H. MAY, K.C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. F. A. HANLARD (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. JONES (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. T. J. BADLEY (Capt. Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.

Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

Hon. Mr. WAI YUK, C.M.G.

Mr. C. CLARENCE (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 55 and 56), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

FINANCIAL.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 19) and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPER.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Proceedings of the Public Works Committee.

TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Attorney-General moved that the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Trade Marks" be recommended for a certain verbal alteration.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to, the Council going into Committee.

On the Council resuming,

The Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

STAMP ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901." In doing so he said—The Bill proposes to further amend the Stamp Ordinance. Clauses 1 to 3 are designed by the imposition of penalties in respect of delayed applications, to induce interested parties to make early application for probate of the estate of deceased persons to prevent the evasion of duties. Clause 4 relates to the stamping on a conveyance or assignment on sale and incorporates section 55 of the Imperial Act of 1891.

The Colonial Secretary—Sir, in seconding the motion, I would add that the evasions of probate are so frequent and inconvenient that it has been deemed necessary to impose an extra probate duty in order to curtail what I may call this dishonest practice.

The motion was carried, and Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On clause 2,

Hon. Mr. STEWART—Is the period "within six months after the discovery" agreed upon by those in a position to know whether it is satisfactory?

The Colonial Treasurer—Six months is a very long time after discovery.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—If there is a reasonable excuse, the penalty would not be attached.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Reasonable excuse is provided for in 20 (a).

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—Six months is not too short.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Six months is a long time. The clause was passed as framed.

On clause 6,

The Attorney-General said no definition of marketable security appeared in the Imperial Act, but that the following section be inserted:—"In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires the expression marketable security means security of such description as is capable of being sold in the stock markets in the United Kingdom and Hongkong."

The Colonial Treasurer—How could you compare the United Kingdom to Hongkong?

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Singapore and Shanghai have very big markets of stocks available in Hongkong.

His Excellency suggested that the section should be altered to read "in any stock market."

The Colonial Treasurer—I think if you cut out the words "United Kingdom" and leave Hongkong it will do.

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—Shanghai people can buy in Hongkong.

The Attorney-General—and Shanghai stock is capable of being sold here.

The Colonial Secretary—The Home Act says "marketable in the United Kingdom."

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—You could not sell Consols in Hongkong.

The Colonial Treasurer—Put down the word Hongkong. This is a Hongkong Bill. The other is a law of the United Kingdom.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Then if marketable security is not negotiable in Hongkong you don't get probate on it?

The Attorney-General—No.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—I should like to understand that, sir. On shares in companies here sold in Shanghai you don't claim probate, is that it?

However, having listened to the remarks made

The Colonial Treasurer—It is not a case of probate at all. This section deals with conveyance duty.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—Is that the effect of the amendments?

The Colonial Treasurer—The question of giving marketable security is part of the return for a conveyance.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—It must be based on the Hongkong market just as the sum calculated at Home is on the United Kingdom market.

The clause was adopted.

Council then resumed.

THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Code of Civil Procedure." In doing so he said—The object of this amendment is to restore the right of either party to ask for a jury in civil cases, which right existed between the passing of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure in the year 1873 and the passing in the year 1901 of the Code of Civil Procedure, which repealed the earlier code.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, the amendment in the law by which the right of trial by jury is extended to all classes of cases originates in a memorial received by me from the British members of the Chamber of Commerce. I sent that memorial to the Chief Justice for his comments upon it, and both he and the Puisne Judge opposed the change in the law. His Honour the Chief Justice gave reasons and explained the various instances in which a jury had been refused in recent times. He also made some very definite objections, which, in his view, were opposed to the change contemplated. I sent his letter to the British members of the Chamber of Commerce and they replied in the following terms to me: "The principal reason that has led the British members of the Chamber of Commerce unanimously to support the proposed Bill is that from all quarters they have received indications leading them to the conclusion that the public of this Colony consider it of vital importance to their interests that a jury should be obtainable if applied for by either party to a suit. They said that they had again considered the matter by the light of the arguments of the Chief Justice and that they were still unanimously of opinion that the law should be changed as proposed. I referred the question also to the Hongkong Law Society, who supported the proposed change in the law, and I may add that the Hon. Mr. Pollock, who is a legal unofficial member of this Council and who is not present here to-day to state his view, was strongly in favour of the change. There must, of course, in any alteration of a law on so important a point be several dissentients in so large a community as this, and I have received a statement of objections from a leading barrister in this Colony and I believe that one or two unofficial members also intend to oppose the motion. The only reason why this Bill is introduced into the Council is because I believed, and still believe, it is the wish of the large majority of the community of Hongkong that this change should be made. I fear, however, that any change by which either enlargement or curtailment of the rights of trial by jury should be effected in the law is one of such vital importance, and affects a principle which is considered by British citizens as of such importance that it should not be introduced unless there is an undoubted majority in favour of it. It is based upon no ephemeral cause and upon no popular phase of the feeling of the moment or of the day. If those who oppose this motion can show that they have any considerable portion of the community who think with them, it will be open to us to consider what course should be taken."

Hon. Mr. STEWART—If the object of this Bill had been to reduce the number of cases in which special juries can be requisitioned, a good reason for that would have at once suggested itself in the smallness of the special jury list. That might reasonably have been used as an argument to justify the law of this Colony being made to depart from the law of England. But in view of the fact that our special jury list is a very small one, and that the time of every man upon it is valuable, the proposal to depart from the existing law in the direction of adding to the number of cases in which a special jury may be called, requires the strongest reasons. Your Excellency has supplied strong reasons for the action taken by the Government in introducing this Bill, and from the suitors' point of view explanation is easy. We can all, I am sure, appreciate the advantage of being tried by our peers. But inasmuch as it has been found necessary in the very home of trial by jury to set certain limits upon the claims of suitors, special juries here may reasonably ask to have very good reason shown why these limits should be abolished in the Colony. I remember a time, which does not seem very long ago, when special juries groaned under the tyranny imposed upon them by the requirements of litigation. Then one heard only about the hardship of busy men being required to abandon their offices for days together in busy times, and an attempt was once made to remedy this state of matters in a sense diametrically opposed to the present Bill. I do not feel sure that there is any widespread demand for the proposed alteration, and until I am satisfied upon that point I shall not see my way to support this Bill.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Your Excellency, I did not propose to say anything on this Bill, because I hoped that the Bill would be accepted by the whole Council after the remarks made by your Excellency, and the very satisfactory reason we have heard why it is required in this Colony. However, having listened to the remarks made

by the hon. member of the Peace, I am sure that such a speech, as yours, certainly gave the hon. member a public spirited. I do not suppose for a moment that he would have shirked his duty if called to serve upon a jury, and what is partly where the shoe pinches.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—I am exempt.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Is he exempt?

Hon. Mr. STEWART—As a member of this Council.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—Anyway, members of the special jury very often give up their time because they are public spirited and realise their responsibility to the community. One of the most important functions performed here by business men is on the jury. The question has not been rushed through at a moment's notice, as those who care to inquire into the matter have known for months past that leading bodies and associations here have been asked by the Government to express their views on the subject. I can say that there is no body of men whose time is more valuable than the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and that committee as well as the British members are unanimously in favour of this change of law for reasons I do not feel called upon to go into now, but which I think are very thoroughly understood. In certain matters the English law should not be rigidly adhered to. This Bill has not only the unanimous support of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and a large number of the British members, but I am told that it has almost the unanimous support of the legal profession. It seems to me that when a considerable number of people representing the Chamber of Commerce and the legal profession are in favour of this Bill that it should be accepted and when only two judges are provided for the Full Court in Hongkong, it is obvious we cannot in every case accept the law as applied at Home. I trust that the opposition which has been raised to this Bill by the hon. member on my right will not prevent the Bill from being carried through its second reading this afternoon, as the matter is of great importance to the commercial prosperity of the Colony.

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—Sir, neither did I intend to speak on this afternoon's Bill, because it had escaped my attention, but it has a historical and a personal interest to me in that I was the foreman of the jury that represented to Sir John Carrington the great hardship entailed upon busy men in this community in sitting very often for many days listening to arguments of counsel and deciding points of law and evidence which could much better be settled by the judge. The alteration in the law was made in consequence of representations which the jury then made to Sir John Carrington, who advised us that he would represent to the Government the hardships that were entailed, and he also advised us to hold a public meeting to protest. Shortly afterwards one of the most widely-attended public meetings was held in the City Hall protesting against the waste of time entailed upon busy men in this Colony in sitting in Court for days listening to points of law and evidence which could be better decided by the judge.

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The Attorney-General—Your Excellency, it is not proposed to go further with this Bill.

SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Squatters' Ordinance, 1890." In doing so he said—This Bill amends section 12 of the Squatters' Ordinance. In certain cases squatters' claims have been allowed by the Board, but it has been deemed desirable to withhold the leases until sanitary buildings have been constructed, and it is now proposed to give the Director of Public Works the alternative power of arranging for the grant of new sites in exchange for the original buildings. If the arrangement is effected, the amount of compensation is to be assessed by the Director of Public Works.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

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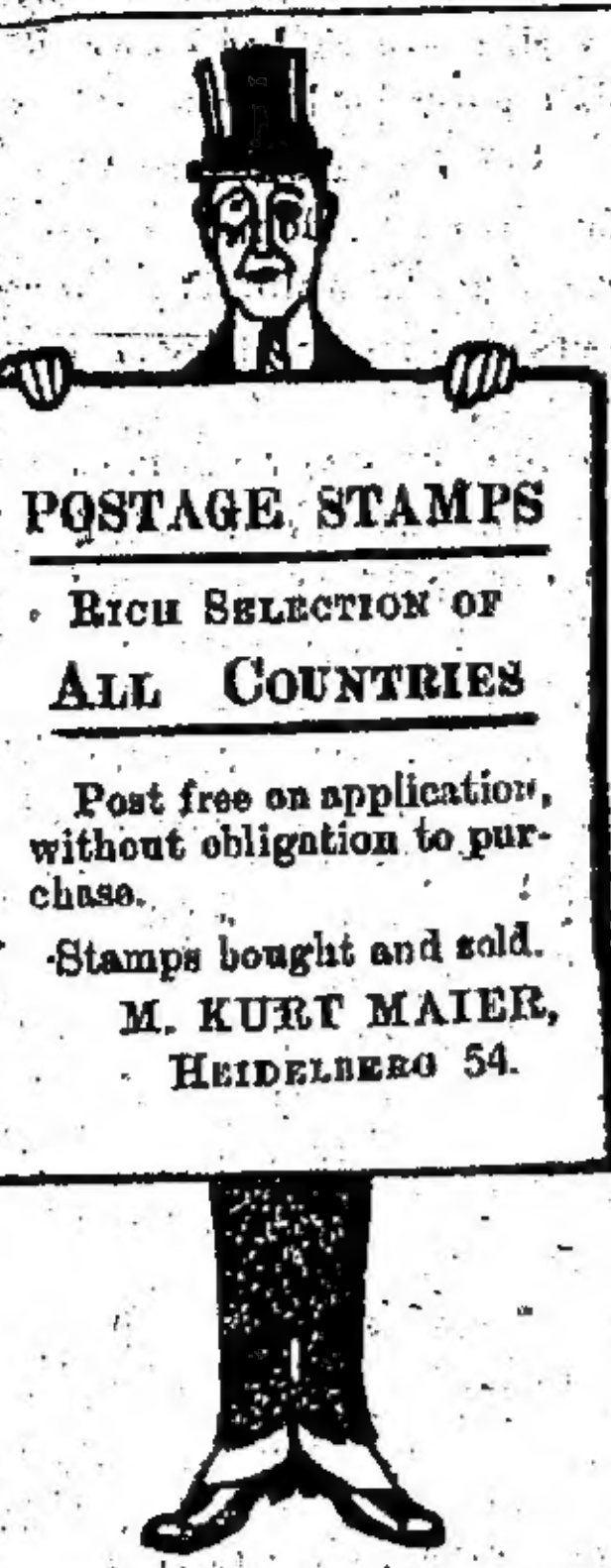
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All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.
BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1909. [1491]

HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP will be SHOT OFF on the afternoon TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 11th December, 1909.
Members will be at Home to their Friends, and Ladies will be Welcome.
G. C. MOXON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1909. [1490]

VICTORIA REGATTA.
FORTY-NINTH MEETING.

TO be held TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 11th Dec. 1909. Under the Distinguished Patronage of H.E. the GOVERNOR, H.E. Major-General E. BROADWOOD, Commandant H. LYON, R.N., Hon. Sir HENRY MAY, Hon. H. BASIL TAYLOR, etc., etc.
The Committee of the V.R.C. request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 11th December, at the Recreation Bay View, kindly lent by Messrs. Fenwick & Co.
Miss HUTTON POTTS has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the conclusion of the Meeting.
The Secretary's Launch will leave the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB at 12 Noon, sharp.
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B. L. BRIDGE,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [1473]

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 3.)
which is now introduced with a view to protect the trade. The conditions of a publicans licence, and of the two forms of adjunct licence, appear in the Bill. The Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, of 1902, is repealed, and a new scale of fees is set out in the second schedule to this Bill. Section 8 of the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, which enacts that the expenses of advertising applications for licences should be paid by the applicant is repealed. The applicant is required to pay for the advertisements by section 5 and section 13 of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded. His EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, the Bill before the Council abolishes the existing method of granting licences for publicans, and for adjunct licences, and it substitutes for it a Licensing Board consisting of seven Justices partly elected and partly nominated, and with a considerable unofficial majority. The object of this Bill has been stated by the hon. the Attorney-General, it appears in the minute at the foot of the Bill and it was dealt with at greater length in a paper which was laid before this Council at our last meeting. Its object is that a body may be instituted who may have a permanent policy—a policy which can be carried into operation by successive instalments, if so desired, all making for a definite objective. This Bill is in substitution for a Bill which has been before the Council for some considerable time. In that Bill the permanent body proposed was the Governor-in-Council, but that proposal I understand was not acceptable, and, therefore, the present Bill has been substituted for it. The object which we have in view in establishing a permanent board is twofold. On the one hand it is desired to secure to the taxpayers of this Colony the monopoly value of the publicans' and adjunct licences and to prevent that public asset being claimed as a right by the holders of the licence by declaring, for instance, a period at which any or all may be terminated without compensation. In the second place it is desired by this method to facilitate public house reform. For instance, if it should be feasible to place some or all of the public houses under a trust company whose profits would be limited and any profits from the business in excess of those should be devoted to the improvement of the public house, that the manager should be placed on a fixed salary so that he should have no personal interest in promoting the sale of liquor. These, however, are only possible projects for the future and do not arise at present. The object of the Bill is to create a permanent board to deal with the question of licensing. The present system by which licences are issued by the general body of the Justices of the Peace cannot be said to have worked very well in the past. I find that 176 Justices of the Peace in the last ten years have never attended. The total number of Justices of the Peace is 239. The attendance in the last ten years number 117, which gives an average of half an attendance a year, or, in other words, one attendance in every two years. The other provisions of the Bill have already been touched upon by my hon. Friend the Attorney-General. Adjunct licences it is proposed to divide into two classes, one for hotel-keepers and one for restaurant-keepers. Various restrictions are placed upon them which partly appear in the body of the Bill and partly in the forms attached, and it is hoped by these restrictions that the abuses which are alleged to have existed under the present system will be abolished. Wholesale and grocers' licences also will be abolished, and a dealer's licence will be substituted prohibiting sales by commission in order to protect the interests of licencees. The right to appeal against the decision of the Licensing Board is also included in the Bill appeal on behalf of the applicant and on behalf of the residents in the district, to the Governor-in-Council. The resolution which has remained on the agenda of the Council for some considerable time past, has now been withdrawn and is re-incorporated as a second schedule to this Bill. You will find from it that the fees in certain instances have been decreased. It is proposed that those who have already taken out licences under the existing regulations shall have the option of exchanging them for licences under the new Bill if they should desire to do so; of course, coming under the restrictions which that Bill imposes.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—As a member for the Justices, I feel called upon to give an opinion on the principle of this Bill. To the Bill which it supersedes I was strongly opposed. Your Excellency may remember that at an interview granted to the Unofficial Members at Government House, in the summer, I expressed myself in that sense. That Bill proposed to take the licensing out of the hands of the Justices. This Bill proposes instead to concentrate the power at present rather loosely exercised by them. The only question raised is whether these powers are best exercised as at present, or whether they are more likely to be effectively exercised when concentrated in a Board. The present system is a very defective one. Under it few Justices attend the meetings called, as your Excellency's figures prove. Sometimes the suggestion is made that this shows lack of public spirit. I deny that in my own case. The reason why I attend so seldom is because the meetings are called at an inconvenient place and at a most inconvenient time. This puts an unwarranted strain upon public spirit. Most of the local Justices are men busily engaged in the business quarter of the town. If meetings had been usually called for 5 o'clock instead of 2.15, and in the City Hall instead of at the Magistracy, I think there are others besides myself who would have attended regularly. Thus the main defect alleged against the old system is no longer a defect. It could have been remedied at any time if the Police Magistrate had been anxious to encourage attendance. But there was no pressing reason for trying to remedy it so long as such a small quorum was held to be sufficient. The smallness of the quorum is the real defect in the present system. This was to be remedied, I understood, in the present Bill. It has not been. A quorum of three is proposed. To my mind that threatens the object in view. I would not have less than five. It may be urged that if you left the present system otherwise unchanged, and made a quorum of say, seven, the object of the Bill would be served, but I think that members of a board would be more likely to exhibit keenness than a chance lot of Justices haphazardly come together, and I agree that it would be better fitted to pursue a settled policy. Therefore, I am in favour of the principle of a Licensing Board. How the Justices are to be elected, and for how long, and who will not be Secretary, these and sundry other details do not yet seem clear, but these are all matters properly to be dealt with in the Committee stage of the Bill. I agree to the principle and shall accordingly vote for the second reading.

The motion was agreed to.
Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.
On clause 2.
Hon. Mr. OSBORNE asked—Why are confectioners allowed to sell intoxicating liquor?
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—It is a term that occurs in the principal Ordinance, restaurant or confectioner.
The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—They are allowed to sell liquor at home.
Hon. Mr. STEWART—They are at home?
The REGISTRAR-GENERAL—Yes. There is a shop in Regent Street.
Hon. Mr. STEWART—The sweets are merely put in the window.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—In the principal Ordinance an adjunct licence is defined as meaning a licence to hotelkeepers, restaurant, and confectioners. That Act is based on the Home Act. There might be a shop like Weissmann's started. That is a confectioner really, but it has started in the luncheon business.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—They are given an adjunct licence because they sell meals there.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—But their principal business is confectionery. It does not make any difference what you call them.
Hon. Mr. STEWART—Supposing a man sold only sweetmeats?
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Then he could not get a licence.
Hon. Mr. STEWART—Then why put the word confectioner in?
Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—A person could not take a meal off sweets.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—This is only an amending Bill, and as few amendments as possible should be introduced into it. I am not prepared to say if you put out those words you won't have to amend the principal Ordinance in some further direction.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Cut out the words. We don't want them.
Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—I move that the words "or confectioner" be cut out.
His EXCELLENCY—It does not seem to me to matter what the words are in or out, because a man has not got to prove that he is a restaurant-keeper before he gets a licence. I presume this licence could be obtained by any applicant who conforms to the remaining conditions of the Ordinance. It does not matter whether he is a restaurant-keeper, confectioner, or bootmaker.
Hon. Mr. HEWITT—In a confectioner's shop you may see a man taking a slice of cake and a glass of liquor.
Hon. Mr. STEWART—We don't want to encourage that.
The words mentioned were deleted.

On section 9.
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed the following amendment:—"All applications for the granting or transfer of licences shall be made to a board of licensing Justices, which board shall consist of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman appointed by the Government and five other Justices, two of whom shall be appointed by the Government and three elected by the Justices of the Peace from among their number. Of the four Justices appointed by the Government two shall be official and two shall be unofficial Justices. The members of the Board shall hold office for three years. Three Justices shall form a quorum. The first clerk at the Magistracy shall be ex-officio secretary to the Board."
Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—That is to say that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are the nominees of the Government?
His EXCELLENCY—Yes.
Hon. Mr. STEWART moved that five should form a quorum, instead of three as proposed.
Hon. Mr. OSBORNE seconded, and the amendment was accepted.
Hon. Mr. OSBORNE asked if the meeting place would be decided by the Justices?
His EXCELLENCY—It was not considered necessary to mention that in the Ordinance.
That will be in the power of the chairman, and it might be here or at the Magistracy.
Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—Or in the new Post Office.
Hon. Mr. STEWART—Is the secretary provided for?
His EXCELLENCY—Yes, the chief clerk at the Magistracy will be permanent secretary.
Hon. Mr. STEWART—Is there no provision as to the method for electing the three Justices? You elect three for three years, but there will always be somebody going away for a time. Provision ought to be made for substitution.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—The mode of election in nominating a member should be the same power as when any Justice is left.

His EXCELLENCY—Adopt the mode of election in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—In the case of an elected Justice not giving satisfaction to the people who elected him, if we adopted the suggestion of the Colonial Treasurer it would be very difficult to get him out.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY suggested that the section in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance governing the election of the Sanitary Board should be extracted and added to this Bill.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—I think it would help people to take an interest in it if there were occasional elections.

The addition was accepted and the section approved.

On clause 5.
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed a new sub-section, which provided that in the event of the refusal of an application by the Licensing Board the applicant should not be entitled to make another application in respect of the same premises within a period of twelve months of the original application.

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—Shouldn't that be if the Governor-in-Council has approved of the Justices' decision? The Justices may decide not to grant a man a licence, then he has power to apply to the Governor-in-Council, but as that section reads if he has made an application to the Justices, that forbids him from making another application. If the Governor-in-Council reverses the Justices' decision, surely a man can make another application.

His EXCELLENCY—It does not deter him from making an appeal. It forbids him from making another application.

The new sub-section was approved.

On sub-section 15.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—Can you give us any idea how the standard of quality is to be fixed?

His EXCELLENCY—I am not prepared to say, but any suggestions that may be made will be considered.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—We naturally want to know what the section means. I should imagine it would be a very difficult thing to put on the label of the bottle. Apparently the evil properties in spirit have nothing to do with the quality itself, but more to do with the age.

Whisky that today may be poison five years hence will be no longer poison.

His EXCELLENCY—That would form one class of quality. If the label said the bottle was five years old.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT—That is no proof. You can only judge of the effect when you administer to a man.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—You can make a standard I believe which the law will not pass.

His EXCELLENCY—I am afraid this clause is really in the nature of a pious wish.

On the second schedule.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI said His Excellency had just stated that in a few cases fees had been decreased, but none of them had been increased.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied that the publicans' fees had been decreased, Chinese licencees had not been affected, but adjunct licencees were reduced.

His EXCELLENCY said the general effect of the scale was a reduction so far as European liquor was concerned, but the publicans' licencees went up to a higher scale than they did before.

Council then resumed.

His EXCELLENCY—Council will adjourn until next Thursday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding. The following votes were passed:-

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by backward conditions in which the Koreans

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Korea who has no connection with politics—

indeed, he is a missionary—corresponding with

me about a matter totally unconnected with the

country's affairs in any way, and it may be of

interest to listen to what he has to say as a mere

item of news he thought likely to attract my

attention as a casual correspondent. I should

prize him that he has lived many years in the

country, and is universally esteemed and re-

spected by natives and Japanese alike, and is

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preciate these things, even the most conservative

among them is beginning to look with less and

less contempt on the colour of carbolic acid and

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Date of Despatch from London.	Date due in Hongkong.	Vessels.
17th, 19th & 20th Nov.	To-day	Himalaya.

FROM	DATE
Swallow, Amoy and Foochow.	Friday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy and Manila.	Friday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
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TO-DAY.

11 A.M.—Auction of 25 Cases Arrack, at F. Gaudoy, Bowington, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.

9 P.M.—Entertainment—Merrymakers, at the Theatre Royal.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, 11th December—Victoria Regatta, at Recreation Bay.

Tuesday, 14th December—Organ Recital at St. Peter's Church.

Friday, 17th December—Auction of German s.s. "Fiume," at Cebu by Sander, Wisler & Co.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Print Sigismund* left Manila on the 8th inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-day at 6 p.m.

The E. & A. str. *Eastern* from Sydney, S.A., left Port Darwin on the 2nd inst., for Timor, Manila and this port.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Apsa str. *Gregory Apsa* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 5th inst., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Indo-China str. *Kulsang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The T.K.K. str. *Mamtu Maru* from South American ports is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The P.M. str. *China* sails from Yokohama en route to Hongkong on the 6th inst. She is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 15th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Buclos*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 17th ult., left Colombo on the 5th inst. morning, and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The N.Y.K. str. *Yokofu Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 17th ultimo, and is expected here to-day.

The N.G.L. str. *Ischia* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., and may be expected here to-day.

The J.C.-J. str. *Typhus* left Macassar for this port on the 1st inst., at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The C.N. Co's str. *Heuchel* left Tientsin on the 4th inst., and is due here to-day.

The H.A. Line str. *Scandia* left Singapore on the 7th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The str. *Katana* left Singapore on the 7th inst. afternoon, and is due here on or about the 13th inst. morning.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yokofu Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 28th ultimo, and is expected here on the 19th inst.

The Danish str. *Siam* left Port Said on the 21st ultimo, and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 9th.

ON LONDON—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/9 3/4

Bank Bills, on demand 1/9 3/4

Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 1/9 3/4

Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 1/9 3/4

Bank Bills, at 6 months sight 1/9 3/4

Documentary Bills 4 months sight 1/9 3/4

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand 222

Credits, at 4 months sight 226

ON GERMANY—

On demand 180

ON NEW YORK—

Bank Bills, on demand 43

Credits, at 60 days sight 44 1/2

ON BOMBAY—

Telegraphic Transfer 130 3/4

Bank, on demand 131

ON CALCUTTA—

Telegraphic Transfer 130 3/4

Bank, on demand 131

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, at sight 7 1/2

Private, 30 days sight 7 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA—

On demand 85 1/2

ON SINGAPORE—

On demand 74 1/2

ON HONGKONG—

On demand 74 1/2

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SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 9TH, 1909.

Stocks.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$997 1/2, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	99,995	47	46	\$55, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$12 1/2, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$20	\$20	\$20, buyers
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.50, sal. & sel.
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 132
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 64, sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 90
Lao-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 111
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 430
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$16 1/2, sellers
DOCK AND WHARVES.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$62, sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$52
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$54	\$54	\$59, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	56,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 77
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 128
LANE & CO., LIMITED.	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$7 1/2, sal. & sel.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$75, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$43 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$180, sellers
INSURANCES.				
Union Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$155
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$117, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$92, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$375
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 110
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$590, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$230
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$102, sal. & buy
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$30, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$54, sales
MINING.				
Societe Francaise des Charbons du Tonkin	16,000	Fes. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Barrat Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	18/10	\$7 1/2, sellers
PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.	25,000	\$10	all	\$13 1/2, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$11	\$1 1/2, sellers
REFINING.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$160, sellers
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$24
Robinson Pines Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$53, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$15	\$15	\$19 1/2, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	all	\$19
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$1
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$25, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$14 1/2, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$12
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$5, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$7 1/2, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	Nominal
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900	ordy.	\$10	\$12 1/2, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$30
RUBBERS.				
Balgownie	—	—	—	\$67 1/2 (Sta.) buy.
Pegoh	—	—	—	\$23 1/2 (Sta.)
Ragalla	—	—	—	\$28 (Sta.)
Anglo-Siam	—	—	—	14 1/2
Cashellite, fully paid	—	—	—	52 1/2
Consolidated Malay	—	—	—	24-30-0
Damansara	—	—	—	24-0-0
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	63 1/2, buyers
Kannings	—	—	—	3-1/2-1/2
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	90
Lebbury	—	—	—	48 1/2, sellers
Lingga	—	—	—	24 1/2, sellers
Seyong	—	—	—	23
Shelford	—	—	—	32
Sungei-pati Ks.	—	—	—	23-30-0
TELEPHONE.				
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 % autumn	Par

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SITHONIA,"
Captain Bremner, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Underigned.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to suit.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1467]

S.S. "POLYNESIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London en route via "Modoc" and "Dordogne" in connection with above Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 1 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 13th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to us on or before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [2]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, VIA COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 13th inst. at 6 p.m. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 3.30 a.m. on the 11th inst. No Claims will be admitted after delivery of cargo has been effected to Consignees, and same must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, otherwise they will not be recognised.

Optional claims will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Steamer's arrival.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1909. [1468]

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "AYMERIC."

FROM TACOMA, VANCOUVER, YOKO-

HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1909. [3]

LABUAN COAL.

NOTICE—THIS COAL can only be obtained from THE LABUAN COAL-FIELDS CO., LTD., who are prepared to supply FRESH COAL straight from the Mines. Steamers load at the Wharves. Quick despatch. Telegrams: "Labor Labuan."

BRADLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1909. [1466]

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FOR AGENCY APPLY TO

HUGO C. A. FROMM,

HAMBURG.

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